



MERRILLVUE

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has grown from 10% of the economy to 15% of the economy.

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# FORWARD

We pass this way but once . . .

The things that each of us and each of you have done here, no matter how great or how small, will be the foundation of our future.

The simple love and kindness, plus the education given to us by our teachers, will enable us to face the future with self-confidence.

The future will also bring time for hours of remembering. The building itself will bring back wonderful memories — games, dances, plays, and club activities. We of the staff hope this annual will make these memories more vivid and realistic.





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Oh gosh! I'm out of typing paper again! Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Everyone seems to remember just as the bell rings and usually manages to get there just before they close.

The two smiling faces in the Book Store belong to Pat Chentnik and Nona Lou Murray, who have been working there all year.





# SCHOOL DAYS



**Upper left**  
Eyes on the copy - - -



**Upper right**  
Sunshine dolls



**Center Left**  
No hurry!



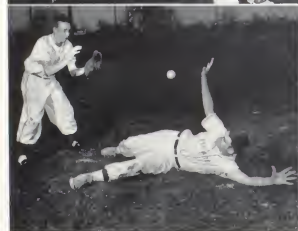
**Center right**  
Quiet, please!



**Lower left**  
Is this constitutional?



**Lower right**  
Dig in.



Upper left:  
Pep it up

Center left:  
The latest

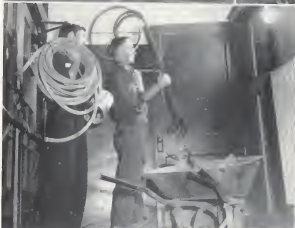
Lower left:  
Slide!

Center:  
Here's how

Upper right:  
All smiles

Center right:  
Hit it!

Lower right:  
The hand off



**Upper left:**  
Fight!!!

**Center left:**  
He's off

**Lower left:**  
These are properties?

**Center:**  
Who, me?

**Upper right:**  
... and in conclusion - - -

**Center right:**  
Soups on

**Lower right:**  
Get that ball



EDGAR L. MILLER  
Principal



CECIL A. GRAYSON  
Supt. of Schools



HENRY P. FIELIER  
Trustee



**C. E. WALTERS**  
Grade School Principal



**MRS. ELLEN FRAZURE**  
School Secretary



**MRS. HELEN HAYDEN**  
School Treasurer

The office staff is always ready to help us out when we need it. Everyone knows Mrs. Frazure, our efficient secretary, who takes care of passes, excuses, correspondence, and just about everything. Mrs. Hayden is the one with all the figures in her

head, tickets in her hands, and piles of money on her desk. Mr. Miller is always glad to help everyone with their problems. He has done a lot for our school and has helped us get a first-class rating this year.

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Frazure pose for a typical office scene.



**IRA ANDREWS**

Gads and High School Art  
Purdue  
Indiana State Teachers' College, B. S.

**JAMES BOVARD**

Social Studies  
Indiana University, B. S.  
Butler University

**IRENE COLLINS**

Latin and Mathematics  
Valparaiso University, A. B.  
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University of Wisconsin

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History, Football Coach  
Northwestern University, B. S.  
Purdue University  
Indiana University  
Akron, Ohio University

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Physical Education and Science  
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Science  
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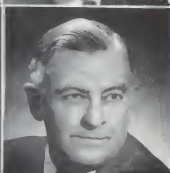
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### DOROTHY WELDY

Physical Education and Spanish  
Manchester College, A. B.

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English and Speech  
Manchester College, B. S.  
Indiana University





## STUDENT COUNCIL

Members of the Student Council represent the whole student body in school functions. This year they have had movies, programs, and are planning to sponsor the inspection for a higher rating which is to be next fall.

The project for the year was to get palms for the stair landings.



**Left to Right:**

Laura Novak, secretary; Frank Foreman, treasurer; Bill Springer, vice-president; Matt Smederovac, president; Mr. Weldy, sponsor; and Mr. Miller, principal.



# CLASSES





Sponsors, left to right:

Stanley Semokaitis, James Bovard, Miss Robertson.

Officers, left to right:

Bert Stringham, Judy Showalterbaugh, Shirley Hurlburt, Nancy Appleton, Melvin Greiner, Bob Covaciu, Patt Merritt.

## FRESHMAN HISTORY

The class of '55 had a good taste of high school life in the past year.

They had very good co-operation under their class officers who were: President, Bob Covacui; Vice-President, Nancy Appleton; Secretary, Patt Merritt; Treasurer, Judy Showalterbaugh; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Melvin Greiner. They enjoyed a

skating party, and they also had a good turn-out for their "Shamrock Shimmy."

The freshman cheerleaders chosen for the reserve ball teams were: Juanita Davis, Sue Cool, JoAnn Davids, and Marilyn Weilgus.

The student council representatives were Bert Stringham, Shirley Hurlburt, and Bob Covaciu.

# FRESHMAN



Left to Right

Row 1: Dick Lehman, Kenny Metcalf, Arlin Cole.

Row 2: Tom Mayer, Claude Klingaman, Charles Griener.

Row 3: Don Lollis, Larry Nemeth, Joan Mathews, Marilyn Wielgus.

Row 4: Lois Kros, Peggy Seveance, Pat Banser, Mary Price.

Row 5: Tom Kokinda, Tim Glennon, Bert Stringham, Julie Harlow.

Row 6: Sharon Marshall, Nancy Lewis, Sue Cool, Delbert Bateman.

Row 7: Mary Ann Vereb, Jack Stevenson, Jim Backe, Jim Coster.

Row 1: Kenny Frankovich, Ronnie Frankovich, Jack Bird.

Row 2: Marilyn Jungerman, Ronnie Barbercheck, George Clark.

Row 3: Wanda Frogge, Luella Bardwell, Joe Douthett, Bruce DePew.

Row 4: Nancy Frazure, Phillip Fisher, Peggy Bierer, Teresa Cockran.

Row 5: Dave Stoltz, Jill Frank, Coralie DeVries, Yvonne Aubuchon.

Row 6: Delbert Bateman, Jerry Pierce, Ronnie Wyatt, Barbara Bilous.

Row 7: Jack VanMeerten, Laurel Moore, Judy Clark, Nancy Appleton.

# FRESHMAN



Left to Right

Row 1: Ralph Halfman, David Gust.

Row 2: Bill Craig, Don Lecik, Larry Gulkowski.

Row 3: Curtis Kilian, Bob Korotch, Don Jones, Jim Gildersleeve.

Row 4: Jerry Polomchak, Judy Yohn, Ronald Freeman, Jerry Chetnik.

Row 5: Nancy Peterson, Margaret Sheets, Phillip Nicoletto, Warren Engstrom.

Row 6: David Black, Jack Elkins, Richard Jeffery, Joan Davids.

Row 7: Chuck Ashton, Jerry Griffin, Larry Lape, Mabel Davis.



Row 1: Shirley Hurlburt, Carol Hunter, Jeanene Jeviks, Nancy Jenkins.

Row 2: Anna Marie Kopscic, Joyce Johnson, Sally Ludkie, Mary Lou Lawrence.

Row 3: Carl Leffert, Bob Jeffery, Jim Hillis, Arlitha Leggel.

Row 4: Marsha Vargo, Cormido Thompson, Carolyn Gearhart, Richard Poling.

Row 5: Pat Merritt, Shirley Razus, Joan Matthews, Barbara Yester.

Row 6: Jeannette Mandley, Marlene Mallot, Judy Showalterbaugh, Joyce Shannon.

Row 7: Steve Ratajecz, Roy Miller, Tom Senko, Ray Niles.

## UP AND COMING SOPHOMORES



**CLASS OFFICERS:**

**Standing:** Mr. Dow, Don Karsten. **Seated:** Don Hurlburt, James Campbell, Don Smith, Lennie Schmidt, Mr. Demaree, Miss Phillips.

In the second year of high school, the sophomore class was under the leadership of Don Smith, president; Don Hurlburt, secretary; James Campbell, treasurer; and Don Karsten, sergeant-at-arms. The sponsors were Miss Phillips, Mr. Demaree, and Mr. Dow. Later in the year Miss O'Neal took over Miss Phillip's duties as sponsor.

Maroon and white were the colors chosen for the traditional "sophomore sweaters", which arrived just after Christmas.

Shirley Miller was the queen candidate for the Football Hop.

The "Leap Hop" sponsored by the sophomore class was held February 29.

## SOPHOMORES



Left to Right

Row 1: Rita Katrenicks, Monty Halstead, Fred Karrle, Dick Fieler.

Row 2: Rita Friedrich, Carole Cicas, Sandra Borman, Vicki Glennon.

Row 3: Marilyn Senko, Phyllis Harrigan, Jackie Sexton, Helen Loyce.

Row 4: Helene Jursic, Frances McKinley, Janis Horner, Delores Ogan.

Row 5: John Shottliiff, Bill Deeler, June Trussa, Jan Pierce.

Row 6: Don Leir, James Ward, Eugene Webb, Roland Mille.

Row 1: Ronald Lakeburg, Dale Peters, Dale Lape.

Row 2: Lena Popenhagen, Loretta Szklarski, Charlotte Hunter, Shirley Miller.

Row 3: Theresa Bianchi, Marilyn Wilson, Phyllis Manwaring, Pat Gavin.

Row 4: Shirley Hull, Shirley Poor, Harvana Meiselbar, Pat Lewis.

Row 5: Shirley Bodamer, Nellie Hennings, Rosalin Horniack, Romana Monzulla.



## SOPHOMORES



Left to Right

Row 1: Modeanne Willis, Alice Mayes, James Campbell, Richard Soohey.

Row 2: Pat Mitchell, Judy Wise, Ron Pendleton, Joe Gilrowski.

Row 3: Wayne Wallace, Douglas Ingles, David Hoeskstra, Gerald Sowards.

Row 4: Donald Hughdock, Malcolm Halstead, George Keaten, Bob Smith.

Row 5: Ralph Sellman, Bill Franz, Bill Horner, Ray Balestera.

Row 6: Shirley Chapman, Marilyn Richards, Marilyn Miller, Rheta Shawver.

Row 1: Arlin Perry, Frank Rice, Jack Williams.

Row 2: Bob Wyatt, Howard Hughes, Joe Heines.

Row 3: Don Smith, Don Karsten, Larry Monroe, Arthur Deuberry.

Row 4: Leonard Schmidt, Jack Pessmeg, Marvin Gernez, Wayne Pruitt.

Row 5: Bob Purcell, Alex Felkavich, Don Hurlburt, Joe Chiado.

Row 6: Royce Jolley, Larry Herzog, Charleen Adams, Gerrie Jensen.

Row 7: Delores Roll, Donna Lou Lindborg, Barbara Jones, Delores Cochran.

Row 8: Judy Gililand, Pat Smith, Nancy Downs, Betty Jean Daniels.

Row 9: Patricia Hilbrich, Mildred Alexander, Marlene Gertz.

## The Juniors' Hearts Were Young and Gay



Mrs. Dow, sponsor; Bob Randall; Norman Schultz; Mr. Weldy, sponsor; Phil Ayers; Mr. Motts, sponsor; and Bill Amsbaugh.

The Junior Class of 1951-52 started off by electing Bill Amsbaugh, president; Phil Ayers, vice president; Norman Schultz, secretary; and Bob Randall, treasurer. The class was sponsored by Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Weldy, and Mr. Motts.

The Junior class rings arrived the first of December and were admired by all. On February 22 the Juniors sponsored the very unique "Deep Sea Dance." "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" was the Junior play given on March 27 and 28. The biggest event of the year, the prom, was held at the Marquette Pavilion on April 25.



## JUNIORS



Left to Right

Row 1: Herman Buchfehrer, Phil Ayers, Anthony Essick, Barbara Miller.

Row 2: Dorothy Reid, Beverly Pruitt, Mary Ann Olejneckzak, Doris Polomchak.

Row 3: Shirley Jenkins, Kathleen Hunter, Chuck Smith, Bryant Wade.

Row 4: Jim Shawver, Steve Yaros, Ed McDonald, David Fryer.

Row 5: Dale McNary, Dan Sholtz, Bob Smith, Jim Warot.

Row 1: Clarence Halfman, Ralph Gustafson, Charles Kittell.

Row 2: Dick Midgett, Bob Randall, Jerry Hamilton.

Row 3: Leslie Nelson, Norman Schultz, Shirley Kros.

Row 4: Judy Hollar, Judy High, Judy Nearing, Marilyn Lavery.

# JUNIORS



Left to Right

Row 1: Ransom Freeman, Jerry Blaze, Kenneth Byerly, Don Barclay.

Row 2: Carl Griffin, Don Gorgas, Don Birk, Shirley Brechner.

Row 3: Ronald Baessler, Jim Adler, Betty Bodomer, Anita Good.

Row 4: Bill Amsbough, Sondra Frazure, Ruth Frank, Nancy Clark.

Row 5: Bob Craig, Florence Stevenson, Violet Craig, Nancy Burke.

Row 1: Richard Herzog, Ronald Cook, Art Kaiser, Frank Halfman.

Row 2: Russel Houchin, Carl Kraft, Donald DeVries, Darrell Maxey.

Row 3: Francis Marselek, Donna Halsted, Phyllis Schnabel, Maggie Rosenbalm.

Row 4: Dorothy Shearer, Peggy Hillis, Shirley King, Marion Knoop.

Row 5: Barbara Reveal, June Riddle, Dorothy Wolff, Joan Shaver.



SENIORS



**JOHN ASHTON**

Class President 1, 4; Camera 1, 2, President 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Annual Staff 3, 4, Business Manager 4; Mirror Staff 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 4.



**NANCY "Nan" BALLARD**

Camera 1; G.A.A. 2, 3; Sunshine 4; Mirror Staff 4.



**THOMAS "Tom" J. BARBERCHECK**

Class Vice-President 1; Camera 1, 2; Speech 3; Annual Staff 4.



**JAMES "Jim" BIALOCK**

Atlanta, Ga. 1; Lew Wallace 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Baseball 3; Chorus 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.



**GLENN "Bob" ROBERT BLANKENBAKER**

Billings, Montana and Tolleston 1; Lettermen's 3, 4; Reporter 3, 4; Track Trophies 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.



**PEGGY "Peg" BOGAN**

G.A.A. 1, 2; F.H.A. 2; Speech 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4, Editor-in-Chief 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4.



**CHARLES "Chuck" H. BOHN**

F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Camera 4; Senior Play.



**DAVID "Dave" G. BOOKWALTER**

Camera 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Band 1, 2.

**SHIRLEY "Shir" BUTCHER**

Camera 1; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 3, 4, President 4; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; Chorus 2; Student Council 4; Senior Play.

**PATRICIA "Pat" ANN CHENTNIK**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 4; Mirror Staff 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Junior Play.

**JOHN DAVID CHIADO**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Chorus 4.

**WILLIAM "Christie" E. CHRISTIANSEN**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 2; Football 2; Baseball 3, 4.

**THOMAS "Tom" L. COLE**

Hobart 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Assistant Chaplain 4; Chorus 4.

**SALLY "Taffy" L. DEETER**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3; Mirror Staff 4; Chorus 4.

**CARMELLA "Doll" A. DE GAETANO**

Class Secretary 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3.

**JOHN FETKAVICH**

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3.





### FRANK "Frankie" FOREMAN

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Lettermen's 3, 4, President 4; Mirror Staff 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4; Basketball Trophy 3; Student Council 4, Treasurer 4.

### ANNE E. FRANKO

Class Secretary-Treasurer 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; Chorus 2; Football Queen 2.



### LOIS "Cooky" E. FRANZ

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3; Chorus 2, 4.

### LOMA "Loma Baby" JEAN GEYER

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Speech 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4, News Editor 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2; Senior Play; Debate Team.



### J. "Clela" ANACLETA GLENNON

Camera 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4, Plane Geometry 2, English 3 contests.

### JOAN "Jo" ELOISE GREIMANN

Class Secretary-Treasurer 1, Treasurer 3; Camera 1; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4, Copy Manager 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4, Junior Play; Prom Queen; D.A.R. Contest 4.



### JOE "Big Babe" HALFMAN

Jr. Hi-Y 2, Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Reporter 4; Track 3, 4; Baseball 4.

### JANE "Hamie" LOUISE HAMILTON

Class Vice-President 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, President 3, 4; Annual Staff 4, Assistant Editor 4; Student Council 3, 4.

**TWILA "Bunnie" G. HARDING**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 4; Speech 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

**ASEY "Jack" ROOSEVELT HILLIS**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Lettermen's 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Chorus 4; Track Trophy 3; Junior Play; All Conference Football Team 3, 4

**JACK E. HOLLAR**

Camera 1; Science 2, 3; Speech 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Senior Play.

**EVERETT "Joe" E. HOMEIER**

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Lettermen's 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Baseball 3, 4; Chorus 4; Student Council 3.

**MARION "Shortie" HORNER**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3, 4; Chorus 4; Senior Play.

**ROBERT "Bob" HORST**

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 1.

**NORMA "Norm" JEWELL**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4.

**RONALD "Ron" E. JONES**

Class President 2; Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2, Vice-President 1, Reporter 2; Lettermen's 2, 3, 4, Historian 4; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Trophies 2, 3; Student Council 1, 2; Mirror Staff 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Chorus 4; All-Conference Football Team 3.







#### JERRY "Dutch" JONES

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Lettermen's 3, 4, Vice-President 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4; Sports Editor 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4; Two Basketball Trophies 3; Student Council 1; Junior Play; Senior Play.

#### JOSEPH "Red" P. JUKNEVICH

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Camera 1; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4, Chaplain 3, 4; Lettermen's 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4.



#### RAY "Skip" KENT

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Senior Play.

#### FRANKIE LEROY KING

Hoxie, Ark. 1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2; Camera 1, 2.



#### MAX RICHARD KIRK

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Lettermen's 3, 4, Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Band 1, 2, 3.

#### MARILYN "Blondie" R. LAKEBERG

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep 4.



#### RONALD "Ron" LANGBEHN

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4.

#### NORMA JUNE LINES

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2.



**RICHARD "Rich" MAYER**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Lettermen's 4; Basketball 1, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4.

**PAUL L. MAXEY**

Camera 1, 2, 3.

**BOB "Archibald" MEKOLA**

Class Vice-President 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Lettermen's 3, 4; Sergeant-at-Arms 3; Treasurer 4; Mirror Staff 4; Sports Editor 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

**JOYCE MARIE MILLER**

Lew Wallace 1, 2; Class Secretary 4; Biology 1; B.C.O. 1, 2; Glee 2; Girls' Club 1, 2; Sunshine 3, 4; Speech 3; Mirror Staff 3, 4; Feature Editor 4; A Cappella 1, 2; Chorus 3, 4; Secretary 3; Orchestra 1, 2; Band 3, 4; Junior Play.

**J. "Tiny" DONALD MILLS**

Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sergeant-at-Arms 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Lettermen's 4; Basketball 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Senior Play.

**BARBARA "Bobbie" JEAN MITCHELL**

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Speech 3; F.H.A. 4; Chorus 3.

**NONA "Nonie" LOU MURRAY**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 4; Pep 4; Mirror Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 4; Chorus 2.

**LAURA "Laurie" F. NOVAK**

G.A.A. 1; Sunshine 1; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; President 3, 4; District Vice-President 3; State Editor 4; Mirror Staff 3; Student Council 3, 4; Secretary 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.





TERRY "Chiffy" C. PIERCE

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Baseball 4.



JUDITH "Judy" ANN PRICE

Sunshine 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 4; Chorus 4.



ROSE "Rosey" ANN PURCELL

Horace Mann 1; Social 1; G.A.A. 1, 3, 4, Treasurer 1; Sunshine 2.



ANNA RATAJEC

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Pep 4



BARBARA "Barb" LEE RHODES

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep 4; Senior Play.



HUGH "Hughie" RICHARDS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 4, Band 1, 3, 4; Chorus 4.



J. "Ted" ROESSING

Camera 1; Jr. Hi-Y 2, Secretary-Treasurer 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Lettermen's 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



ADA "Joy" ROLL

Camera 1; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Latin Contest 2; Senior Play.

**DOROTHY "Red" E. SERLES**

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2.

**ROY "R. J." J. SHANNON**

Camera 1, 2, 3, 4; Resident 3; Mirror Staff 2; Basketball 3; Track 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3.

**W. "Jim" JAMES SIEVERT**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Secretary 4; Track 3; Baseball 3; Chorus 3, 4; Junior Play.

**MATTHEW "Babe" G. SMEDEROVAC**

Camera 1; Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Lettermen's 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Student Council 4; President 4.

**FRANKLIN "Smitty" R. SMITH**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 2; Chorus 3, 4; Senior Play.

**BILL E. SPRINGER**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; President 4; Chorus 4; Student Council 4; Vice-President 4; Prom King.

**DORIS "Dor" EILEEN SPURR**

G.A.A. 1, 3; Sunshine 2, 4; Mirror Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3.

**NOREEN "Stru" KAY STRUBLE**

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Sunshine 4; Pep 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Production Manager 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play.





#### MARILOU "Lu" SUMURDY

Lew Wallace 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2; B. C. O. 1; Social 1; Girls' Club 1, 2; Sunshine 3, 4, Corresponding Secretary 4; Speech 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4, Feature Editor 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Band 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; Treasurer 3, Vice-President 4; Cheerleader 1, 2.

#### FRED TAYLOR

Student Council Representative 1; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3.



#### ANNA "Annie" MAE WADE

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3, 4.



#### FRANCES "Fran" ELLEN WADE

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3, 4.



#### JOHN "Big John" D. WARD

Camera 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Lettermen's 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



#### JANET "Bicycle Red" LEE WOODLAND

Camera 1; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2.



#### LOIS "Rossa" ROSE WLOCZEWSKI

South Shore Chicago 1; G.A.A. 1, 3; Sunshine 4; Student Council 3.



#### ELAINE "E. Y." LOUISE YOUNG

Class Treasurer 4; Camera 1; F.H.A. 2; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Pep 4; Annual Staff 3, 4, Editor-in-Chief 4; Mirror Staff 3, 4; Student Council 4.



**JOHN WILLIAM WOLFE**

Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Track 3; Phoenix, Arizona 4; Phoenix Student Council 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Junior Play.

**LUEDA "Lu Lu" M. GEAR**

Dailey, West Virginia 1; Glee 1; Beverly, W. Va. 2; Glee 2; Mill Creek, W. Va. 3; Commercial 3; Sunshine 4.

**RONALD "Yoken" D. YOUNGKIN**

Class President 3; Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2, President 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Lettermen's 4; Basketball 1; Football 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Baseball 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3.

## SENIOR HISTORY

It seems like just yesterday that we were the freshmen — being pushed around and laughed at, but taking it all with a smile — anxious to learn everything we could about high school life. John Ashton was our first class president.

When we were sophomores, Ron Jones was our president. One of our proudest moments was when Anne Franko, our class candidate, was crowned Football Queen.

As Juniors, we elected Ron Youngkin for president. The junior play, "We Shook The Family Tree", was a huge success and the prom we gave

was one that will be long remembered.

For our Senior Trip we went to Detroit and then on a wonderful three-day cruise to Niagara Falls on the S. S. South American. Then a bus took us into Canada.

This year John Ashton was again elected president. The other officers were: Bob "ekola, vice-president; Joyce Miller, secretary; and Elaine Young, treasurer.

We have been grateful for the help of Mrs. Collins and Mr. Needham, who have sponsored our class all four years.



Mrs. Irene Collins and Mr. Philip Needham,  
OUR ABLE SPONSORS

**Standing, left to right:** Mr.  
Philip Needham, Mrs. Irene Col-  
lins, sponsors; John Ashton,  
president.

**Sitting, left to right:** Bob Mek-  
ola, vice-president; Elaine  
Young, treasurer; Joyce Miller,  
secretary.



## Looking Ten Years Ahead

As we leave our luxurious jet plane at the jetport on the outskirts of the thriving metropolis of Merrillville, we say goodbye to our cute stewardess, Marilyn Lakeburg, and our handsome pilot, Hugh Richards. Among the passengers is Jane Hamilton, who just came back from swimming the English Channel in record time. Doris Spurr is with us, too. She's just coming back from Africa, where she has been doing missionary work. There too, is Jim Bialock, the president of a rocket manufacturing company, and his private secretary, Nancy Ballard. Mrs. Dorothy (Serles) Carpenter is arriving with us from the East Coast.

Hailing a Get-There-Quick Cab, we find Lois Franz to be the driver. As we zoom down Broadway, we pass a sign saving, "Horst's Airdale Kennels." We stop and find that Bob is out but Terry Pierce is there and tells us about his new "No-flee-Flea Powder." Is it true that he and Bob run a still on the side?

Next we see Roll's Rolling Acres, a very prosperous farm owned by Ada. Say! Let's stop at the new ultra-modern jet rocket plant. Here we are met by the owner, Bob Mekola, who is also the star center on the plant's basketball team. Anacleto and Tom Barbercheck work here as draftsmen, too.

Arriving in town, we see the Stru-Gy Roller Rink run by Noreen Struble and Loma Geyer. Inside is the star of the Roller Derby, Twila Harding. Next door is "Christies Twenty Allies" which is doing very well with Frankie King as the head pin setter.

Oh no! We're out of gas! But ahead we see the "Three M's," Merrillville Midget Motors, run by Bob Blankenbaker. His mechanic is Dave Bookwalter and in charge of car washes is Rich (Shine 'em Up) Mayer.

Say, the old grocery store is now "Maxey's Mor-

tuary" and doing the grave digging is Ron Youngkin.

That fine-looking building to the left is the new Merrillville hospital run by Dr. John Wolfe. His staff of nurses is led by Pat Chetnick, Marion Horner, and Nona Lou Murray.

Whizzing by us is Tom Cole with his stock car on his way to the daily races.

As we peek in the window of the Merrillville Toxicology Library, we see Carmella DeGaetano, the librarian. From up above, we hear a shout from Ronnie Langbehn, Champion Flag Pole Sitter of America. He says that we should visit "Club 52" tonight, since a lot of our classmates will be there.

In a near-by drug store, we pick up a phone to make our reservations, and hear the pleasant voice of Anna Mae Wade, the telephone operator. Stepping out of the phone booth, we find out that Barbara Rhodes is the drug store cashier. In the cosmetic department we find Sally Deeter, selling her own new product, "The Ultra-ray Eyelash Curler." We better go now.

Watch out! Was that ever a close one! We almost got run over by Roy Shannon, the city dog catcher, who's chasing an Airdale pup.

Approaching our old alma mater, we are practically run down by Joan Griemann, the drivers training teacher. We hear she is keeping the "Three M's" in business. (She's wrecked four cars already this year.) As we come in, we are greeted by Franklin Eugene Foreman, the Ag teacher, who raised the biggest corn crop in the state's history. Talking to him is Everett Homeir, head of the Co-op in Merrillville. By the way, Chuck Bohn is the art teacher. Well, let's go. Get a load of Coach Ronnie Jones — hard at work in the football stadium with his championship team.

We had better get all duked up for the evening, so let's go to Rose A. Purcell's beauty salon. Next door we find Norma Jewell and Laura Novak running the Ritz Fashion Shoppe.

Say! There's a wedding going on at the church. The preacher, Jack Hollar, has just married Elaine Young to an **old millionaire** professor from college. It looks like her life's ambition has been full-filled.

I wonder how the Merrillville Press (MP) is coming along under the editorship of Peg Bogan. Let's buy a copy here. Hmmmmm. We see that John Felkavich writes poetry for the paper and Joe Halfman has the "Advice to the Love Lorn Column."

Let's go to the "Ward and Mill's Turkish Bath." Well, there's Don and John working over Matt Smederovac, their prize customer. After our bath, we jump into our taxi and start off for "Club 52." Over the radio we hear commercials done by Marilu Sumurdy for Anne (Franko) Breyfogle's Nursery for Children of the Ladies of the Happy Hour Bunco Club.

Stepping out of the cab at "Club 52," who should we see but Bill (the bouncer) Springer, the doorman. He tells us that the place is jammed with our old classmates. We are greeted by Ted Roessing, who is the owner of the Club. As we walk to our table, we notice Max Kirk, who has just arrived from the moon on his rocket. Why there's Barbara (Mitchell) Ungar, who is just back from her home in California. And look over there — Acey Hillis! He's made millions by manufacturing his hand-stitched levis. With him is Jerry Jones. The

rumor is that he drives a liquor truck for the Club while coaching basketball at the school on the side.

Finally we're seated. Three charming waitresses rush to get our order — Judy Price, Norma Lines, and Frances Wade.

The house lights dim and the floor show begins. The M.C. is none other than Skip (Herb Shriner) Kent. The chorus line includes two of our old classmates, Anna Ratajac and Janet Woodland. They are accompanied by Joyce Miller at the piano. Clapping the loudest is John Chiado, Captain of the S. S. South American. Then the M.C. introduces crooner Frank Smith, the latest TV heart throb. Between acts, we are approached by the cigarette girl, who is none other than Lois Wloczewski. The last act is Jim Sievert and Shirley Butcher singing that old favorite, "Leprosy." Starting for the door, we see Fred Taylor, an officer in the U. S. Air Corps and John Ashton, director of art for the "No-crunch Candy Co." (He designs their wrappers.) Well of all people! There's Joe Juknevich, the rich "Never Fail" alarm clock manufacturer. You'd think this was a reunion or something!

As we leave to get our coats, we bump into Mr. Needham and Mrs. Collins with their families checking their coats at the cloakroom. After a short conversation with them, we leave for our hotel.

In the "Lu Lu Hotel" we find that Lueda Gear is the owner and desk clerk. After a few words with Lueda, we retire to our rooms for a much needed rest after such a hectic day.



# SPORTS





**Left to right:**

**Row 1:** Kenneth Byerly, Lenny Schmidt, Russell Houchin, Joe Juknevich, Ray Kent, Dale McNary, Ronnie Langbehn, Coach Demaree, Don Gorgas, Don Birk.

**Row 2:** Don L. Smith, Steve Yaros, Jack Hillis, Dave Fryer, Ed McDonald, Chuck Smith, Richie Mayer, Ron Pendleton, Dick Poling, Ronnie Jones.

**Row 3:** Don Smith, Don Mills, John Ward, Matt Smederovac, Jerry Jones, Jackie Pessmeg, Don Barclay, Jerry Hamilton.

## FOOTBALL



These two smiling faces belong to John Stefek, our assistant football coach, and Coach Demaree, head coach. Through their untiring efforts our team came through with a nice showing.

These four peppy girls have what it takes to keep everyone yelling at the games. They are Norma Jewell, Dorothy Shearer, Peggy Hillis, and Shirley Brechner.

This was their second year as varsity cheerleaders as a group, and Norma's third and last year since she is graduating.



**Top row:**

Mr. Stefek, Richard Lahman, Bill Craig, Steve Rajasec, Larry Nemeth, Dick Poling, Douglas Ingles, Larry Golkowski, Joe Douthett, Dale Peters, Ronald Lakeburg.

**Center row:**

Tom Kokinda, Tom Mayer, Bill Horner, Arthur Deuherry, Joe Gilowski, Richard Soohy, Bob Covaciu, Curtis Killion.

**Bottom row:**

Warren Engstrom, Jim Hillis, Phillip Nicoletto, Dick Fieler, Jan Pierce, Gerald Sowards, Carl Leffert, George Keaton.



**Top, left to right:** Chuck Smith, Ed McDonald, Joe Jukneovich.  
**Center, left to right:** Richard Mayer, Donald Barclay, Don Mills.  
**Bottom, left to right:** Steve Yaros, Jerry Jones.



**Top, left to right:** Ron Youngkin, John Ward, Ron Jones.

**Center, left to right:** Lennie Schmidt, Matt Smederovac, Don L. Smith.

**Bottom, left to right:** Jack Hillis, Ron Pendleton.

The Pirates ended another successful season with 5-4 record. The boys started off by tying East Gary Edison and losing to our bitter rivals Crown Point. Then Coach Demaree got the boys rolling and they beat Griffith 31-20. They kept right on rolling by beating Wirt. The next game was for the right to stay in the conference race. In this game Hobart

beat the Pirates 20-7 and went on to win the conference championship. Merrillville closed up its season with a 14-6 victory over East Gary. This year's team will long be remembered for its team work and never-give-up spirit. Coach Demaree and assistant coach Stefek deserve a lot of credit for the fine job they do with the football teams at Merrillville.



## 1951-1952 SCHEDULE

		We	They
Sept. 8	East Gary	0	0
Sept. 14	Edison	6	12
Sept. 21	Crown Point	6	12
Sept. 28	Lowell	6	0
Oct. 5	Griffith	31	20
Oct. 12	Wirt	40	12
Oct. 19	Hobart	7	20
Oct. 24	Valpo	19	32
Nov. 2	East Gary	14	6
Nov. 7	Dyer	cancelled	

Ends	Yaros, Hillis, D. Smith, So.
Tackles	Mills, Ward
Guards	J. Jones, Juknevich, Pessmeg
Centers	Smederovac, Fryer
Quarter-backs	Mayer, C. Smith
L. Half-backs	Pendleton, Schmidt
R. Half-backs	Barkley
Full back	McDonald, R. Jones





## BASKETBALL CO-CHAMPS

Jim Shawver, Ron Pendleton, Steve Yaros, Phil Ayers, Ed McDonald, Carl Kraft, Bob Mekola, Max Kirk, Ron Jones, Everett Homeir, Jerry Jones, Frank Foreman. **Kneeling:** Coach Englehart.

The 1951-52 basketball team was one of the best. Its winning combination consisted of speed, aggressiveness, determination, and good sportsmanship. This year's team came out on top by being Co-Champs of the Calumet Conference and having the best record of wins in all games of the schools that we played.

This year's team is one that Coach regrets to see graduate, because most of them have been playing for three or four years.

The season was highlighted by the winning of the Holiday Tournament, setting a record of six wins in the Tournament, which no other school has accomplished.

The whole school is grateful for the fine work that Coach Englehart has always done with our teams.



## RESERVE TEAM



**Standing, left to right:**

Don Hurlburt, Don Smith, Arlin Cole, Don Karsten, Dick Polling, Ken Metcalf, Dick Lehman.

**Kneeling, left to right:**

Steve Ratajac, Bob Covaciu, Jan Pierce, Alex Fetkavich, Lennie Schmidt, Bob Purcell.

## JUNIOR - HIGH TEAM



**Standing, left to right:**

Coch Englehart, Jim Randall, Richard Powers, Don Hatten, Bo's Layman, David Cain, Arnold DeWell.

**Kneeling, left to right:**

Alan Ayers, Larry Lavery, Bob Angerman, Richard Lancaster, Byron Buhr, David Metcalf, John Kraft, Joe Prediana.

**Sitting, left to right:**

Peter Gransinger, Dick Knauer, Terry Gill, Larry Yaros, Jim King, Don Bzotos, Robert Cook, Leroy Kitchel.



**Left:**  
Chalk up two!



**Right:**  
Watch it!



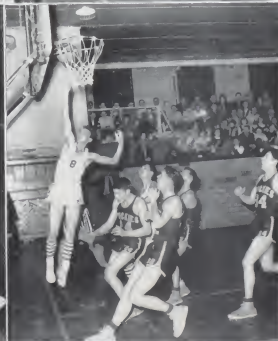
**Left:**  
Foul??



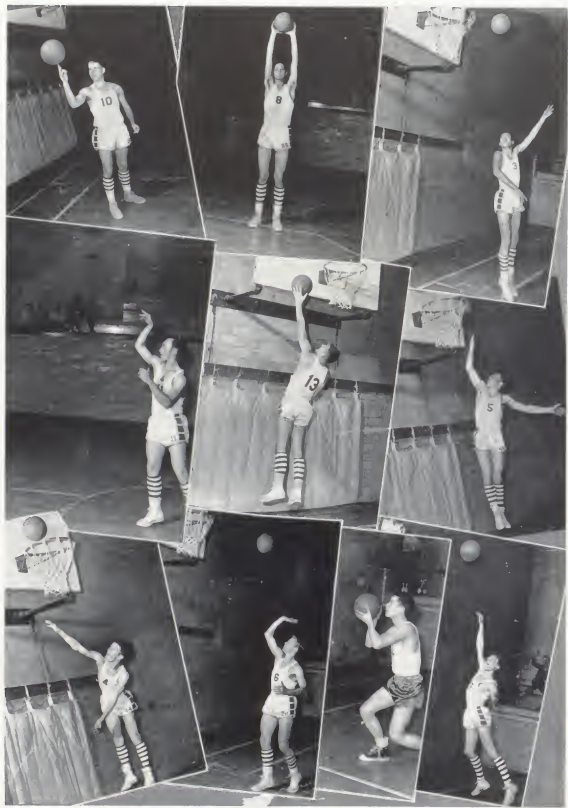
**Right:**  
One for Ron



**Left:**  
Neal one!



**Right:**  
Stretch!



**Top, left to right:** Ronnie Jones, Bob Mekola, Max Kirk.

**Center, left to right:** Frank Foreman, Jerry Jones, Everett Homeier.

**Bottom, left to right:** Ed McDonald, Steve Yaros, Phil Ayers, Carl Kraft.



**Top row, left to right:**

Max Kirk, Ronnie Jones, Jim Sievert, Steve Yaros, Don Karsten, Ron Pendleton, Joe Hallman, Ken Byerly, Don Smith, Coach Englehart.

**Bottom row, left to right:**

Lennie Schmidt, Jack Hillis, Frank Foreman, Chuck Smith, Richard Mayer, Jerry Jones, Bob Blankenbaker, Ray Kent.

## SPORTS AT MERRILLVILLE

Merrillville High School can justly be proud of its athletic teams for 1951-52. Not only for their record of wins but the type of boys that made up the teams and how they played. Merrillville is establishing a tradition for having fine teams year after year. The enrollment of our school is increas-

ing each year, therefore, we should continue to produce finer and better teams.

An athlete has to have the love of the game in his heart, because he must sacrifice his good times for practicing and training and devote his school time to making good grades.



**Standing, left to right:** Jim Bialock, Jim Sievert, Ron Pendleton, Jerry Jones, Don Smith, Don Karsten, Joe Halfman, Coach Engelhart.

**Kneeling, left to right:** Lenny Schmidt, Frank Foreman, Ron Youngkin, Steve Yaros, Bob Purcell, Ron Jones.

## Baseball Team Sports New Uniforms

Our baseball team started off the year in their new cream-colored uniforms with blue caps.

The line up was as follows:

1st H. Richards  
 2nd F. Foreman  
 SS. B. Purcell  
 3rd L. Schmidt  
 L.F. J. Halfman and J. Sievert  
 CF. R. Youngkin  
 RF. J. Jones  
 C. R. Jones and D. Karsten  
 P. T. Roessing and R. Pendleton

Other Fielders:

Barkley, Yaros, McDonald, Fryer

### OUR 1952 SCHEDULE

Apr. 14	Dyer	Here
Apr. 18	Wheeler	Here
Apr. 22	Crown Point	There
Apr. 23	Lew Wallace	There
Apr. 25	Lowell	There
Apr. 29	Griffith	Here
May 6	Dyer	There
May 16	Edison	Here
May 13	Portage	Here



**Upper left**  
Ballet??

**Center left**  
Jump, Max!

**Lower left**  
Jerry sinks one

**Upper right**  
Up and in!

**Center right**  
Words of wisdom??

**Lower right**  
Where's the ball??





There go our three high-stepping majorettes down the field sporting their new purple and white uniforms. The girls got their uniforms this fall during football season.

This is the second year that Nancy Burke, Noreen Struble, and Sondra Frazure have marched together, but this is Noreen's and Sondra's fourth year of marching. These girls entertained the fans with several clever routines which they made up themselves.

These junior majorettes are following closely in the footsteps of the older majorettes. They marched at several of the games and did a good job. They are Janice Masher, Judy Masher, and Joan Keaton.





# ACTIVITIES



## STARDUST IS PROM THEME

As we entered the pavilion at Marquette Park on May 4, 1951, we were swept on to the floor by the heavenly music of Bud Pressner and his orchestra.

Our old favorite, "Stardust," was the theme for the evening.

True to tradition, the king and queen led the grand march. Our queen, Joan Griemann, looked

her loviest in her blue formal and was escorted by our handsomely dressed king, Bill Springer.

The crowning of the queen and king was done by Don Lipke and Mary Ann Halfman, last year's prom king and queen.

The evening was truly one that shall hold many wonderful memories.





King and Queen lead Grand March



Don and Mary Ann crown Bill and Joan

## INFORMAL DANCES



Are you staying for the dance? Sounds familiar doesn't it? The dances after the football and basketball games had nice turnouts this year, as did the clubs and classes on Friday nights.

A new phonograph and some new records helped the dancers to enjoy the evenings. Most of the dances that weren't after games, had floor shows for added entertainment.

Some of the most successful were the Sadie Hawkins Dance, at which Ronnie Jones took the part of Marryin' Sam and crowned Phyllis Schnabel and Richard Mayer as Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner; the Twirp Hop, at which the girls had to fork over with the green stuff, and the annual Christmas Dance given by the Hi-Y. One of the most original dances was the Hal Dance given by the Jr. Hi-Y.



## FOOTBALL DANCE

The Student Council sponsored the annual Football Hop at the end of the football season.

The football players selected for football queen candidate Norma Jewell, senior Kathleen Hunter,

junior Shirley Miller, sophomore, and Jill Frank, freshman. The lucky girl was Kathleen who was crowned "Merrillville Football Queen of 1951-52" by Coach Demaree.



## CHOIR GETS NEW DIRECTOR

The choir under the new direction of a very capable young teacher, Miss Penelope George, accomplished a lot this year. Our able leader, a fine pianist, Joyce Miller, and the cooperation of the

students themselves all aided in making our choir an organization of which Merrillville can be proud.

Some of its members made their first appearance this year at a Band Booster's meeting in the early fall. The choir as a whole made their first appearance at a Christmas program. Several active soloists were: Tony Essick and Jim Sievert, both of whom went down state; Frank Smith, Marilyn Lavery, Janice Horner, Tom Cole, Rita Frederick, and Judy Nearing. There were several select groups, one of which was the girl's trio, composed of Joyce Miller, Marilu Sumurdy, and Dorothy Wolfe. In the spring of the year the choir sang two compositions at the annual contest. They also participated in a spring concert and Baccalaureate services.

Joyce Miller, Dorothy Wolfe, Marilu Sumurdy, Miss George.



## SOLO CONTEST HELD AT MERRILLVILLE

Under the direction of Mr. Carl Lundgren, the band for the fourth year, added much color to the football games. Noreen Struble, Sondra Frazure, Nancy Burke, JoAnn Keaton, Judy Mascher, and Janice Mascher led the band in its half-time performances.

This year Merrillville was indeed fortunate to play host to the Northern Indiana Solo Contest. There were about 2,000 participants from all over this section of the state. Among these participants were 45 representatives of Merrillville. Out of this

number, four were able to attend the state contest at Indianapolis.

The band held its two annual concerts on November 28 and April 18.

As usual the band was entered in the band contest at Knox, Indiana, on April 5 and came home with a good showing.

The final touch of the music year was the commencement exercises on May 22 with nine seniors graduating from the band. We wish to thank all these seniors for the fine music work they have done in the past.





## Juniors Give "OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY"

Under the direction of Mr. Weldy, the play "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" was given by the Junior class on March 27 and 28. The play was based upon the book, with the same title, which was written by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough.

It was a comedy in three acts telling of the adventures of two teen-age girls on their trip to Paris. The leading parts were portrayed by Marion Knoop and Peggy Hillis. There were fifteen other juniors in the cast.

**Upper left:**

... and don't talk to any strange men.

**Lower left:**

Take me away — I'm ready.

**Upper right:**

The whole cast

**Lower right:**

but he had his pride.





**Upper left:**  
All this and rain too!

**Lower left:**  
What's my line?

**Upper right:**  
What Next?

**Lower Right:**  
Coming Down?

## Senior Play Is A Colossal Success

On November 16 and 17, 1951, the class of 1952 presented a three-act comedy by George Kausman and Moss Hart entitled "George Washington Slept Here".

The leading roles of Annabelle and Newton Ful-

ler were played by Loma Geyer and Jerry Jones. The fifteen other members of the cast all contributed their share to the play.

The success of the play was largely due to the capable direction of Mr. Weldy.



This year's school paper proved to be very successful. The staff worked hard to make "The Mirror" an interesting paper.

The new mimeograph machine was a big help. For an added attraction, many of the covers were done in color.

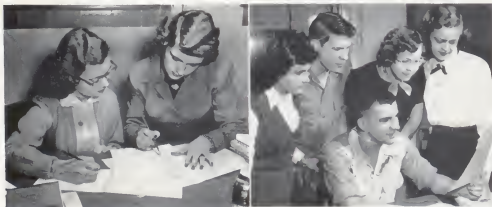
Our able editor, Peg Bogan, with the help of Miss

Garmong and Mrs. Bothwell have succeeded in putting out one of the best papers that has come out of the school in many years.

A lot of praise goes to the editors and to John Ashton for the fine job they did. John turned in a good job in making the covers of the papers.

SONDRA FRAZURE, production manager; PEG BOGAN, Editor-in-chief.

MARILU SUMURDY, Feature Co-editor; JOHN ASHTON, Art Editor; JERRY JONES, Sports Editor; LOMA GEYER, News Editor; JOYCE MILLER, Feature Co-editor.





Left to right: Sondra Frazure, secretary; Judy High, president; Mr. Weldy, sponsor; Marilu Sumurdy, vice-president; Marian Knoop, treasurer.

## DEBATE CLUB

### Debater's Visit Purdue

Under the guidance of their able sponsor, Mr. Weldy, the Speech Club started its second busy year.

Because they are a member of the Calumet Forensic League, they participated in many speech activities including debate, radio announcing, poetry reading, humorous, and original oratory contests.

One of the highlights of the year was a trip to Purdue. Several of the speech students attended the Student Congress and Debaters' Conference there. The club presented a Christmas program for the student body. The club gave the first Leap Year Dance, which was called the "Twirp Hop." The club's activities were completed with a trip to Chicago to see "Guys And Dolls."





**Top Picture:**

JANE HAMILTON, assistant editor and  
ELAINE YOUNG, editor-in-chief.

## Message From The Editor

Every year we all expect and get our Merrilvue. We either like it or don't, and give no other thought to its contents. But to those of us who helped put it out, it's taken a lot of headaches, work, thought, and worry; but, of course, it's been fun too. We hope that our effort is successful in helping you to enjoy your yearbook — and our mistakes helpful to next year's staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our able sponsor, Mr. Pruitt, for all of his help and the donuts he furnished for the staff; the teachers; Dave Fryer, who helped out with photography; Mr. Andrews, who helped us with the art; and all the others who helped us put out the Merrilvue this year.



**Bottom Picture:**

JOAN GREIMANN, copy manager; JOHN ASHTON, business manager; and NOREEN STRUBLE, production manager.



Left to right: Tom Barbercheck, Anaclea Glennon, Jerry Jones, Bob Randall, Phyllis Schnabel, Ronnie Jones, Loma Geyer, Nancy Clark, Shirley Butcher, Peggy Bogan, Judy Clark.

MR. FRANK PRUITT, our sponsor







## SUNSHINE SOCIETY

There were many new members taken into the club at the formal and informal initiation services at the beginning of the year.

Our officers, under the direction of Miss Grace Garmon were: Shirley Butcher, president; Nancy Clark, vice-president; Marilu Sumurdy, corresponding secretary; Carol Cienas, recording secretary; and Loma Geyer, treasurer.

On September 22 the officers and sponsor went to Indianapolis for an officers' luncheon. Our district convention was held at Rensselaer on October 13, and our state convention was on April 5 at Lafayette.

The Sunshine and FHA went caroling at the County Home and St. Anthony's Home. We also went to the TB Sanitorium where we left orange elephants for the children.

The election of the new officers was held at our meeting on April 16 and installed at our Mother, Daughter, Ideal Ladies Banquet on April 30.

We dressed 27 dolls for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy children at Christmas time.

A picnic was held at the end of the year for the Senior girls and officers.

**Left to right:** Carol Cienas, Marilu Sumurdy, Shirley Butcher, Loma Geyer, Miss Garmon, Nancy Clark.





**Top, left to right:** Jim Sievert, John Chiado, Joe Juknevich, Mr. Semokalitis, sponsor; Don Mills, John Ashton, Joe Halfman.

**Bottom, left to right:** Tom Cole, Frank Foreman, Bill Springer.



## SENIOR HI-Y PRESENTS PLAQUE

"I ally myself with the nationwide Fellowship of the Hi-Y by accepting this purpose: To create, maintain, and extend, throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character."

This saying has always been the pledge of the Hi-Y and is said at every meeting and gathering. Throughout the community the Hi-Y try to spread their standards of Christian character.

Yearly they have a Father and Son Banquet, which unites the father and son closer together. The annual Christmas Dance was held, and everyone must admit, it was one of the nicest dances of the year.

The Hi-Y members of 1951-52 are planning to dedicate a plaque to the men of the school who are defending our country, and to pay tribute to those who have given their lives.





**Left to right:** Dorothy Shearer, vice-president; Mrs. Weldy, sponsor; Elaine Young, treasurer; Kathleen Hunter, secretary; Jane Hamilton, president; and Miss Robertson.

## ANOTHER BIG YEAR FOR G. A. A.

As always the club has shown lots of pep and interest in all the activities. G.A.A. has also led with the largest membership of any other club in the school.

The season was opened by a "Flapper Girl" initiation, complete with a style show and flapper garters.

The aches and pains only added to the success of a skating party held in the spring.

No one will forget the big success of the Sadie Hawkins' Dance held March 21. There was lots of

fun crowning and giving prizes to Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner.

The annual G. A. A. banquet was held at Tiebel's on May 15, when the new officers were installed and the awards were presented.

The team led by Noreen Struble won the basketball tournament. They also had a successful volleyball tournament.

The very helpful sponsors for the year were Mrs. Weldy, Miss Robertson, and Mrs. Hobbs.





## LETTERMEN GO TO STATE FINALS

The Lettermen's club has completed its third year of being one of the school's leading clubs. Coach Englehart has been the sponsor of the club all three years. President Frank Foreman has been assisted by an able staff of officers which includes Vice-President, Jerry Jones; Secretary, Jack Hillis; Treasurer, Bob Mekola; Historian, Ronnie Jones; Reporter, Bob Blankenbaker, and Sergeant-at-Arms,

Max Kirk.

The club sponsored the class tournament and a faculty basketball game. They also sold concessions for all home football games. Coach Englehart deserves a lot of credit for getting things done in the club. One of the projects of the club is to send some of the members to the semi-finals and finals of the state basketball tournament each year.



**TOP, left to right:** Bob Blankenbaker, Bonnie Jones, Max Kirk.

**BOTTOM, left to right:** Jack Hillis, Frank Foreman, Jerry Jones, Coach Englehart, Bob Mekola.



## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Homemaker's Goal Is Better Home and Family Living

The activities for the year were led by:

Laura Novak, president  
Dorothy Shearer, vice-president  
Peggy Hillis, secretary  
Kathleen Hunter, treasurer  
Charleen Adams, song leader  
Threasa Bianchi, historian, and  
Marilyn Wilson, parliamentarian

The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization of students studying homemaking in high school. The F.H.A.'s purpose is to offer opportunities for the further development of its members' initiative in planning and carrying out activities related to homemaking.

A few of the main activities were Christmas caroling and making orange elephants for the children at the T.B. Sanitarium.

The club had a fall initiation service for the new members and a spring installation of officers for the coming year. The mothers and the teachers were guests at both of these affairs.

Last June, Laura Novak, state editor who publishes the club's newsletter, and Miss Phillips, club advisor, attended a state convention at Indiana University. Other club representatives were sent to Warsaw and Buck Creek to the district meetings.



## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

### Eight Gain Degree of "Chapter Farmer"

The F.F.A. chapter started off the year by electing the following officers: Don Conrad, president; Phil Ayers, vice-president; Leslie Nelson, secretary; Herman Buchfuehrer, treasurer; Tony Essick, reporter; and Don Karsten, sentinel.

This year eight members worked hard at their projects to move their degree of "Greenhand" to the degree of "Chapter Farmer." They were Howard Ewen, Marvin Gernenz, Larry Herzog, Don Hurlburt, Don Karsten, Royce Jolly, Larry Monroe, and Arlin Perry.

The F.F.A.'s main activity for the year was a dance held after a basketball game. The club's activities were led by the sponsor, Mr. Dow.



Left to right: Tony Essick, Don Karsten, Herman Buchfuehrer, Don Conrad, Leslie Nelson, Phil Ayers, and Mr. Dow, sponsor.







Left to right: Don Smith, treasurer; Steve Ratajac, vice-president; Jack Pessmeg, Sgt.-at-Arms; Dick Fieler, president; Ray Ballistero, secretary; and Mr. Demaree, sponsor.

## JUNIOR HI-Y

Our purpose is to promote sportsmanship, honesty, friendship, and good citizenship among our members and to try to contribute something positive to Merrillville High School.

Every year we vote on the two outstanding football and basketball players and present them with trophies which are highly prized by the recipients.

This year we bought the school a lime-spreader for our athletic fields.

Our activities consist of an annual dance (this year it was a Hat Dance), our initiation, a play night in the gym, a Christmas party, attendance of a professional football or baseball game, and the big event at the end of the year—our spring picnic.

We also challenge the Senior Hi-Y to games of softball and touch football. This year the club has its largest membership.





## PEP CLUB

### They Really Have Pep!

The Pep Club got off to a good start this, its first, year. The club was led by the four Merrillville cheerleaders: Norma Jewell, Dorothy Shearer, Peggy Hillis, and Shirley Breckner.

The club really helped pep up the football and basketball games. Part of the credit should go to them for winning all the games. At the beginning of the year, all the members bought white T-shirts with the Pirate emblem on them. During the games the members wore their shirts and sat together in a roped-off section.

The club learned many new cheers and how to pep things up, which made the other schools look weak when they gave their cheers.

The Pep Club had many members and its future will probably continue to be a long one. The club is under the sponsorship of Miss Robertson.







## SCIENCE CLUB

### Science Club "Goes To The Moon"

The Science Club has been working hard this year on a group project to buy some science equipment.

To raise money the members sold refreshments at two basketball games and had a dance entitled "Rocket To The Moon." The feature of their dance was the showing of life in the twenty-first century with rockets to the moon all around the dance floor.

Each member took an individual project to do this year. Some of the projects were the making of a power supply, building radios, and other electronic devices.

The club's objective is to be able, eventually, to install and operate a "ham" radio station. The club should be able to do this with the sponsorship of Mr. Motts, who knows just about everything concerning radios. This will mean some member will have to get a "ham" radio license. All the members have been practicing sending codes.

Left to right: David Fryer, Carl Kraft, Ron Bassler,  
David Bookwalter, and Mr. Pruitt, sponsor.

## CAMERA CLUB



### Camera Club Goes On Outing

The Camera Club enjoyed a successful year under the leadership of their fine sponsor, Mr. Pruitt, and their officers: David Fryer, president; David Bookwalter, vice-president; Carl Kraft, treasurer; and Ron Bassler, secretary.

The Camera Club sponsored a dance after the Hebron basketball game, January 25. One of their outside activities was a weiner roast held October

17, at the Deep River Park. Quite a few members went and everyone joined in the fun. Many members had fun taking flash-bulb pictures at the outing.

The members learned a lot about photography this year, both from the slides they saw every other week, and from practice in the new dark room.



## COOKS AND JANITORS



Watch out! Here they come! A thundering herd of hungry students flock down the stairs to the cafeteria to get their delicious lunches.

The cooks responsible for the wholesome meals prepared every-day were Mrs. Varro, Mrs. Harbet, Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. MacCracken.



These pleasant, helpful men keep our school in tip-top condition with their untiring efforts to better the appearance of our school.

They are Mr. Nicks, Mr. Hondricks, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Waliz—who is not pictured.







the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million (1990–1999) and is projected to increase by a further 1.5 million by 2010 (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for the ageing population, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the health and quality of life of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- To ensure that older people have access to the services and resources they need to live well.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and services.
- To ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively.
- To ensure that older people are able to live in their own homes and communities.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives, including:

- To reduce the health inequalities between older people and other groups in the population.
- To improve the health and quality of life of older people.
- To ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively.
- To ensure that older people are able to live in their own homes and communities.

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